### Policy Team-I

# Nixon Solicits Ideas **But Makes Decisions** On Policies Himself

Reporters of The Washington Post have intensively interviewed most of the men who, while not members of the campaign staff, are contributing ideas on national policy to Vice President Richard M. Nixon. These men were asked what they think government should do in America in the 1960s and what programs the Republican Party should pursue. This scries is a report of what these reporters, Murrey Marder, James E. Clayton and Julius Duscha, learned. A similar report on Sen. John F. Kennedy's advisers was published preriously.

> First of a Series By James E. Clayton Staff Reporter

The cricial facts which make Richard M. Nixon's campaign and his advisers different from most campaigns and most advisers are that Nixon is an unusually active Vice President and that he came unusually close

to being President at three different times.

For almost eight years, Nixon has had a larger role than any other Vice President in history. He has been an active part of the Administration. He has presided over Cabinet and National Security Council meetings. He has represented the United States abroad. He feels, therefore, a great obligation to defend the policies of the Eisenhower Administration.

"I've been a part of our The result is that Nixon is Administration for the last somewhat aloof from almost

his stroke, and his leitis operation, Nixon was amost President This forced him to

Denial of truths assures doom of communism, Nixon says, in first of his position Page A16. papers. Virginia GOP. seeks to lure Democrats from Sen. Kennedy. Page C10.

think in hard, practical terms instead of in abstract conceptions about what he would do decisions in most fields the if he became President.

To be President is to realize that, as a sign on the desk of President Harry S. Truman read, "The buck stops here.'

seven and a half years," Nixor all his advisers. They talk to said last June. "The proud in and he listens but many of that record and instead of it them do not know how running away from it. I hope much of their ideas he agrees to make the listens on it and to build on with Kollowing a meeting of to run on it and to haild on with. Following a meeting of it." Vixon's newly created Policy Three times during those years, when President Eisenhower had his heart lartack, were idea was expressed. every idea was expressed, Nixon said, That must certamiy be considered."

Even those men closest to the Vice President in one field seem to be unsure of who gives him important advice in other nelds. He seems to have kept his associates in separate compartments, with few joint meetings with him.

One of the reasons for this type of operation is the Vice President's feeling that he is competent to make the basic

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